

The RCC Weekly

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From the VP's Desk

Welcome to the first edition of what we propose will be a weekly newsletter. It will differ from the monthly "The Crossing," in that "The RCC Weekly" will contain brief announcements, around the campus happenings, just generally news you can use for the upcoming week. No opinion pieces, not even mine.

Heart of the Hub

At its annual Heart of the Hub celebration at Hibernian Hall in October, Discover Roxbury, presented one of its Puddingstone Awards to John Wilson, the artist who created "Father and Son," the sculpture which graces our courtyard. Another recipient was the Reverend Michael Haynes, the venerable minister of Roxbury's 12th Baptist Church. The Puddingstone is presented each year to three people who have contributed to the culture and heritage of Roxbury.

RCC on TV

Dr. Gomes and Vice President Mercomes were recent guests on Boston's Channel 7 Sunday morning show *Urban Update*, a multi-cultural program that examines events and issues which have an impact on New England's minority communities.

On October 30th they were interviewed by host Byron Barnett who asked about a variety of topics including Achieving the Dream and Title III.

Faculty Evaluations

DCE evaluations will be conducted from November 28th through December 2nd this year. Faculty can pick up packets and instructions in the DCE Office.

Full-Time faculty evaluations will be conducted from December 5th through December 9th. Packets and instructions will be available in your division offices.

One Book, One Campus

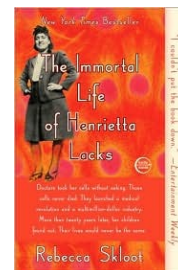
Lots of terrific things have been happening around campus with the first ever "One Book, One Campus" initiative.

Here is a sampling. If you would like to share what has been happening in your class please email jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu.

The students in **Kristin Laird's** class will soon grow and "take care of" HeLa cells next semester. The Biotech Lab is working on an Open House next semester and students/classes can visit and view the cells.

Students from **Vanessa Shannon's** class were in attendance when the son and grandson of Henrietta Lack recently spoke at MassBay Community College in Framingham.

To prepare, Vanessa's students wrote book reviews, created collages and formulated questions to ask Henrietta's family members. Students had their books signed and had photos taken with the family. One student presented her collage to Sonny Lacks, Henrietta's son and it will be displayed in the future Henrietta Lacks Museum in Maryland. Another student has been facebook-ing with Henrietta's grandson.



Mark Your Calendar!

One Book, One Campus
Kick-Off Event

November 16th at 10:30am
November 17th at 10:00am

Have you seen the "We Salute Henrietta Lacks" posters around campus? **Mark Garth** has put one in every classroom using the book. He is working on two bulletin boards which will display student work related to the One Book. The library will display student work also. If anyone is interested, Mark has created a list of 15 suggested activities.

Johanna Jacobson created a Facebook page which she used for online discussions while incorporating online/discussion etiquette. Her classes have had great discussions about doing research - with the book author held as an example.

Tom Macdonald reports that Moodle is supporting the book, which allows an exchange of ideas. Threads currently are by subject area. Please consider setting up an alert to get an email when someone posts a comment so that you can add to the discussion.

Tua Nefer's students are doing a variety of things. One wanted to paint something related to the book, watch out for it in library window. Another is writing an article for the paper. Another is creating a plaque using Henrietta Lacks headstone. Others are doing posters and flyers, posting on the digital board, taking part in the Moodle forums, the list goes on!

If you want hear more of what's happening with One Book, One Campus, please consider bringing your classes to our Kick-Off in the Cafeteria, 2nd floor, Building 4 on November 16th at 10:30 and on November 17th at 10:00. Students and faculty are eager to share with you how they are using the book in their classes.